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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Forthcoming Book
Aggressive War
Barnet, and Marcus

1. This memorandum is for your general information. It contains a recommendation for your consideration. It is written to invite your attention to a book, An Aggressive War by Ralph Stavins, Richard J. Barnet, and Marcus G. Raskin. The subtitle on the dust jacket is: "The United States adventure in Indochina." The book is a publication by Random House on 29 September 1963. It indicates that it may be published a week earlier. The subject of a full column ad in The New York Times.

2. The book's preface states that it is "an intensive study" carried on by members of the Institute for Policy Studies over a 20-month period. The Institute is a Washington-based "think tank", the political complexion probably best described as Radical Left. The Institute was founded in 1963, then merging with the Peace Research Institute. Its fellows have been described as "scholar-activists" known for its seminars and work attacking military spending, calling for virtual unilateral disarmament. Its field of community control. Many of the seminars, particularly on military spending, are principally conducted for congressional staff assistants, to "educate" them on these evils. As an "educational" institute, it is tax exempt.

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3. Two of the authors of Washington Plans An Aggressive War, Richard J. Barnet and Marcus G. Raskin, are the co-directors of the Institute for Policy Studies. The third author, Ralph Stavins, is a member of the Institute.

4. Marcus Raskin is a graduate of the College and Law School of the University of Chicago. He served as an aide to Congressman Kastenmeier of Wisconsin and was perhaps the driving force behind a group of Congressmen who were trying to write a liberal Democratic

* Also simultaneously available in paperback.

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